



Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

AM3 Cody Gohlke



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Gohlke assembles a troop seat used by aircrewmen when manning the helicopter's rescue hoist station.



Gohlke ensures the troop seat is well anchored to the helo.

Today's Sailor of the Day is AM3 Cody Gohlke of HS-8 Airframes. His job tasks him with making sure that his squadron's helicopters are ready to fly those friendly skies whenever they are needed.

As one of the 19 aviation structural mechanics in his shop, he is responsible for checking crucial components of SH-60 Helicopters.

"I make sure that the hydraulic systems, airframe and flight controls are ready for flight ops," he said.

This kind of job, said Gohlke, is far different from the jobs he held before joining over three years ago.

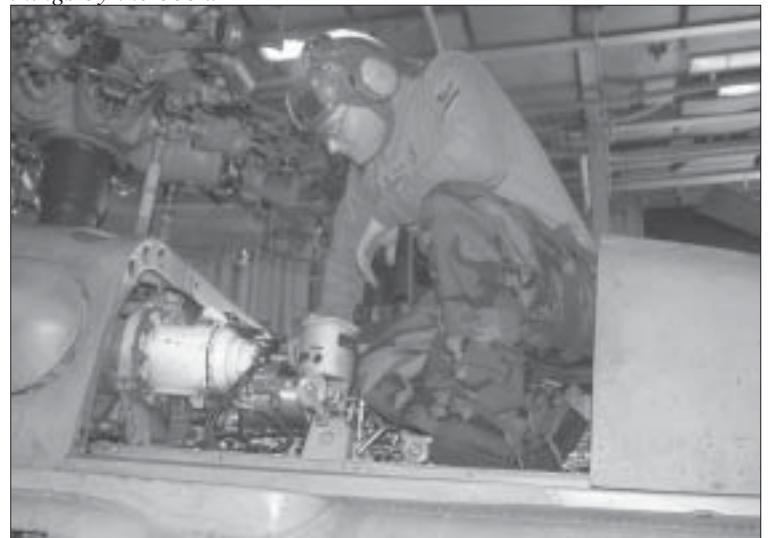
"I used to work at a water company, out here you can't be lazy anymore. Since joining the Navy I realize I have to pay more attention to my work, people fly in these and we have to keep them in the air."

This attitude is what makes Gohlke an important member of his workcenter, said AM1 Shane Lesetemo, Gohlke's LPO.

"Gohlke plays a key role as primary troubleshooter for HS-8, enabling the world famous Eightballers to successfully complete their missions," he said.

"I take any job like it's a new challenge," said Gohlke. "I try to do the job right the first time."

"Throttle back, Turbo!," Gohlke said about his mindset on the job. "Make sure you take the job slow. When you're doing your job, take your time, if you move too fast you'll miss something, you need to do things by the book."



Gohlke sits atop one of his helos and inspects a hydraulic pump.

"This is the kind of equipment that people are depending on to get them through their missions in one peace," said Gohlke.

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